

REMARKS

This case is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/097,555, filed March 12, 2002. The Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above preliminary amendment. By this preliminary amendment applicants have cancelled Claims 1-18 and 32-47. Accordingly, after the above preliminary amendment Claims 19-31 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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